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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 6, 8-13, 15, 16, 28, 29, 31-33, 36 and 37 are pending in the above-identified patent application. Claims 1, 29 and 36 are amended herein.. No new matter is introduced, and Applicants' amended claims are fully supported by Applicants' specification.

1. Claim Amendments

Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone conferences on November 06 and 07, 2006. During the telephone conferences the Examiner requested amendment of claim 1 to delete "alkylsulfonyl" and "-NH-C(O)-NH₂" from the definition of variable R². The Examiner also noted that the dashed line representing an optional bond, which was present in the original formulas of claims 1, 29 and 36, had been erroneously omitted from the claims of Applicants' last Amendment.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to delete recitation of "alkylsulfonyl" and "-NH-C(O)-NH₂" as requested by the Examiner. Applicants have also amended claims 1, 29 and 36 to include the omitted dashed line. Applicants apologize for this error.

2. New Claim 37

New independent claim 37 is identical to amended claim 1 as amended except for the definition of variable R². In claim 37 the variable R² is recited as selected from:

"phenyl, 2-fluorophenyl, 3-fluorophenyl, 4-fluorophenyl, 2-chlorophenyl, 3-chlorophenyl, 3-methylphenyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, 2-methanesulfonylphenyl, 4-amidophenyl, 4-ureaphenyl, 3,5-dichlorophenyl, 2,3-dichlorophenyl, 2,5-dichlorophenyl, 3,5-di(trifluoromethyl)phenyl, 2,5-dimethoxyphenyl, 3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl, 2-chloro-4-fluorophenyl, naphthalen-1-yl, naphthalen-2-yl, or quinolin-8-ylphenyl"

Support for this amendment is found in paragraph 47, on page 13 of Applicants' specification, which discloses this particular Markush grouping for R². This particular Markush listing represents the R² values for the compounds recited in allowed claim 31. Applicants believe that new claim 37 thus recites original subject matter that has already been considered during examination. Applicants respectfully request that claim 37 be accepted.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully believe that all claims pending in the above-identified case are now in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment after Final be accepted. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-354-7540.

No fees should be due. However, in the event it is determined that a fee is due, please charge same to Deposit Account No. 18-1700.

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